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SUBJ: UNGA--LEGAL COMMITTEE--PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS--  
QUESTION OF POSTPONEMENT

REF: USUN 4832

1. WE BELIEVE THE ISSUE OF POSTPONEMENT ARISES ONLY IF  
IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF AN  
ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE WITH THE AFRICAN GROUP.

2. IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO COMPROMISE WE BELIEVE THE  
ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR POSTPONEMENT TO NEXT YEAR ARE AS  
FOLLOWS:

(A) A GREAT DEAL OF FAVORABLE WORK HAS BEEN DONE AND  
SHOULD BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE RATHER THAN LOST.

(B) THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST MAY IMPROVE  
SUFFICIENTLY BY THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DIMINISH  
THE ARAB PRESSURE ON THE AFRICANS AND PERMIT  
SENSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS.

(C) THERE IS SOME RISK THAT IF WE DO NOT SEEK  
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DEFERRAL THE CONVENTION WILL BE ADOPTED WITH THE

OBNOXIOUS AFRICAN LANGUAGE INCLUDED AND THIS WOULD BE WORSE THAN NO CONVENTION AT ALL.

3. ARGUMENTS AGAINST POSTPONEMENT ARE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THERE MAY BE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PROSPECTS OF ADOPTION SATISFACTORY CONVENTION GREATER IN 1974 THWN NOW. SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS ARE BOUND TO BE STILL WITH US AND NOW THAT AFRICANS HAVE BEEN TURNED ON WITH RAIDCAL LANGUAGE QUERY WHETHER A REDUCTION TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL UNDO WHAT IS ALREADY SET IN MOTION.

(B) EFFORT TO POSTPONE TO NEXT GA MIGHT EMBOLDEN OPPONENTS OF CONVENTION REMIT MATTER TO INTER NATIONAL LAW COMMISSION FOR FURTHER WORK, THUS INDEFINITELY POSTPONING ADOPTION OF CONVENTION.

(C) WHILE FAILURE TO COMPLETE CODIFICATION THIS YEAR NOT A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CODIFICATION PROCESS, A PROLONGED AGONIZING FAILURE SPREAD OVER TWO YEARS WOULD WORK A MORE DRAMATIC AND MEMORABLE DISSERVICE.

4. WE CONVINCED POSTPONEMENT SHOULD NOT BE SOUGHT BY WEO GROUP AND SLIGHTLY INCLINED AGAINST STIMULATING OR ENCOURAGING POSTPONEMENT MOVE ELSEWHERE. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REQUIRED.  
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